

# IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

## CBO Baseline Underscores Need for Fiscal Responsibility

Last week, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) released its [budget projections for fiscal years \(FY\) 2024-2043](#). CBO's annual report helps Congress better understand the fiscal and economic challenges that our country faces.

The CBO reports the trajectory of our national debt [remains unsustainable](#) due to executive actions under the Biden Administration, mandatory spending commitments, and accruing interest on the [national debt](#).

The House Budget Committee released the following [documents](#) to help break down the February 2024 CBO baseline:



### WORD ON THE STREET



The [Topline Summary](#) shares an overview of key points from the CBO report.

#### Gross Federal Debt:

- Totals **\$54.4 trillion** (130.6 percent of GDP) in 2034, up from **\$34.2 trillion** (122.2 percent of GDP) now.

This report includes the CBO's calculations of our current debt, which is now projected at a staggering **\$54 trillion**.

Click [HERE](#) to read the topline summary.



The [Baseline Comparison report](#) shares a comparison of the baseline report from May 2023 to the report released in February 2023.

10-Year Budget Projections (billions)	May 2023	Feb 2024	\$ Change	% Change
Revenues.....	\$59,777	\$62,649	\$2,872	4.8%
Spending.....				
Mandatory	\$48,277	\$50,999	\$2,722	5.6%
Discretionary	\$21,255	\$19,231	-\$2,024	-9.5%
Net Interest	\$10,559	\$12,435	\$1,876	17.8%
<b>Total Spending</b>	<b>\$80,091</b>	<b>\$82,665</b>	<b>\$2,574</b>	<b>3.2%</b>
Deficit.....	\$20,314	\$20,016	-\$298	-1.5%

Click [HERE](#) to see the baseline comparison charts.

[The Baseline and the Border Crisis](#) document summarizes the Congressional Budget Office’s projections for the impact of current immigration trends on the economy.

It indicates that while immigration may initially boost economic growth, it could lead to a decline in labor force participation and lower wages in the long term.

Click [HERE](#) to see the Baseline and the Border Crisis document.

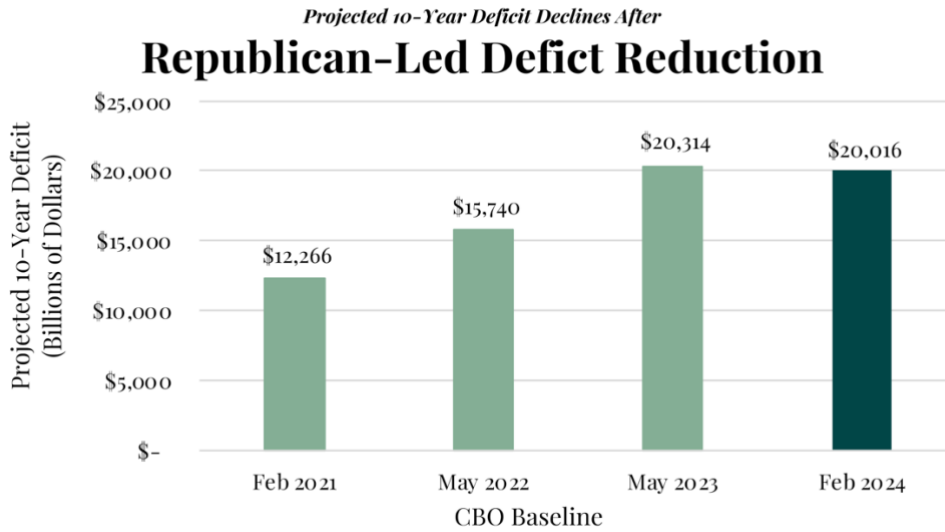
The [Corrections to Previous Baselines](#) document shows the adjustments and legislative changes made to the baseline for more accuracy.

This shows how since May 2023 CBO has *reduced* their deficit projections by **\$1.4 trillion** within the 10-year budget window of fiscal year 2024 to 2033. The projected deficit over this period *declined* from \$20.3 trillion to **\$18.9 trillion**.

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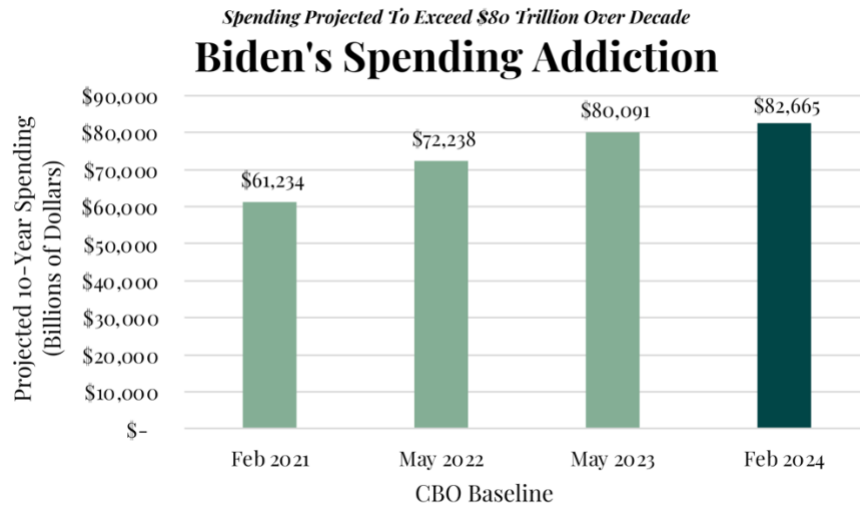


The [Deficits and Debt](#) document shows the CBO's projections of a significant rise in deficits and debt as well as highlighting deficit reductions from the Republican-led Fiscal Responsibility Act (FRA)



Click [HERE](#) to see the Deficits and Debt document.

The [Baseline and Spending](#) document highlights the projected spending from CBO's report. The report CBO's report details that total spending over the decade is projected to be **\$82.7 trillion**. By comparison, projected 10-year spending when President Biden took office was **\$61.2 trillion**.



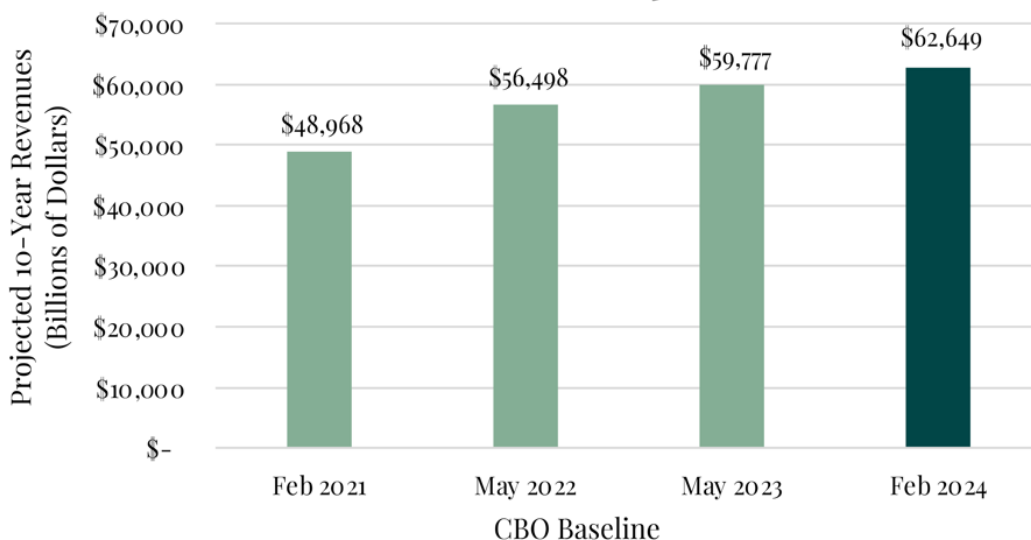
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The [Baseline and Revenue](#) document outlines CBO projections that Federal revenues will total roughly **\$62.6 trillion** over the next decade. Economic growth is essential to reining in our deficits and reducing our nation's indebtedness.

*Revenues Projected To Exceed \$60 Trillion Over Decade*

## Record Revenue Projections



Click [HERE](#) to see the *Spending and Revenues* document.

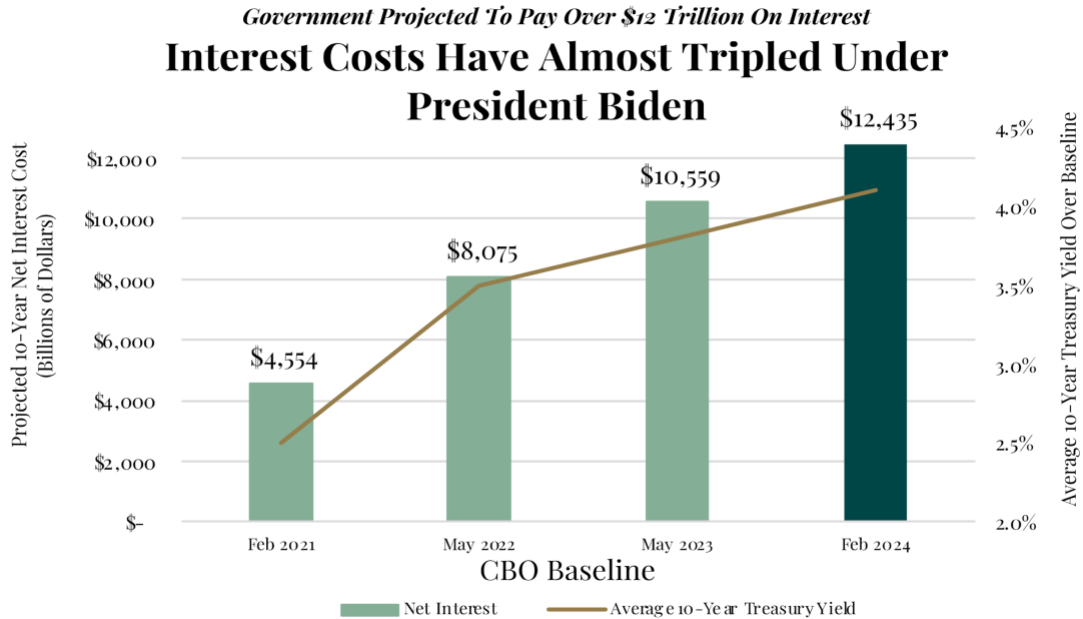
The [Baseline and Trust Funds](#) document summarizes CBO's analysis of the current conditions of **Trust Funds** while showcasing the severity of their potential downfall if Congress does not act to save them. For example, The CBO baseline projects that Hospital Insurance will become insolvent in 2031.

Important systems like Social Security and Medicare part A rely on trust funds to provide necessary recourses to Americans.

Click [HERE](#) to see the *Baseline and Trust Funds* document.



The [Baseline and Interest Costs](#) document captures the cost of snowballing net interest costs corresponding to the partisan Democrat-led American Rescue Plan and Inflation Reduction Act. This document also shows the rise of interest rates over the next decade.



Click [HERE](#) to see the Baseline and Interest Costs document.

## THE BOTTOM LINE

CBO’s latest baseline underscores the positive impact of House Republicans’ work towards fiscal responsibility; however, it also paints a dire picture of the trajectory of our nation’s fiscal health, which remains unsustainable. As Chairman Jodey Arrington said:

“If we are going to ensure economic security for future generations, Congress must be serious about providing a check on expensive and overreaching executive actions, reforming healthcare, and welfare entitlement programs, and continuing to rein-in the bloated federal bureaucracy.”

The House Budget Committee will continue to address our debt and [reverse the curse](#) of reckless Democratic spending.

Click [HERE](#) to see combined baseline documents.

Click [HERE](#) to see what members are saying about the baseline.

